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Near the end of the book is a synoptical table or key to the principal woods distinguished by features visible to the naked eye or under a magnification of about 20 diameters.

A preliminary part of about 40 pages states clearly and concisely important conclusions drawn from French forestry statistics, modern views of the influence of forests on water supply and climate, and the influences of climate, soil, forest covering, commercial and economic considerations, etc., on forest production. The volume closes with a full index, thus making this part of the treatise complete in itself.

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Kraemer's Course in Botany and Pharmacognosy¹ presents in convenient form a good general account of the minute and the gross anatomy of vegetable drugs and their microchemistry. Following the general morphological part are chapters devoted to the description and discrimination of drugs in the crude state and in powder. In this part excellent keys are included by means of which the student is helped to recognize any official drug. A third part deals briefly with the most useful reagents required in pharmacognosy, and with simple methods of making microscopic preparations. There are 17 plates containing 128 figures, 6 of which are colored. All are clearly drawn and well printed on clayed paper. Besides a full general index there is a special index to powdered drugs.

The book is remarkably well calculated to give students of pharmacy all the botany they need in preparing for their profession. The style is unusually clear and direct, and an orderly comprehension of the more difficult topics is much facilitated by the use of tables. In preparing this work Professor Kraemer has done a good service to many students and teachers.

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Notes.—*The Journal of the New York Botanical Garden*, for February, contains information concerning the research scholarship recently established at that Institution; an interesting account by Mrs. Vail of Jonas Bronck and his Bouwery in New Amsterdam, and some chemical studies of *Sarracenia purpurea*, by Gies.

"Why Popcorn pops" is the subject of an article by Wilbert in the *American Journal of Pharmacy* for February.

¹ Kraemer, Henry. *A Course in Botany and Pharmacognosy*. Philadelphia, 1902. 12mo. 384 pp., 128 figs.